

THE CHURCHES AND TO-DAY'S SERVICES

Confidence, and How to Get It.

Sermon by
REV. FLOYD W. TOMKINS.
Text: Neh. vi. 1-16.

The history of the rebuilding of the wall and the Temple of Jerusalem, after the seventy years' Babylonian captivity, is a most interesting one. There were many enemies who tried in every way to defeat the work. By open hostility, by sly deceit, by spies and by attempted bribery these bad men made the work of Nehemiah very difficult. But God was with him and he knew he was obeying God's command, and so he stood steadfast and by his confidence secured the faithful service of his helpers. It is a wonderful picture of life. The man who would do right and obey God has many enemies, who come in all sorts of disguises and use every kind of deceit. It is a part of our education to meet and conquer these obstacles in our life. And God is always with us to help us if we do our part. We must have confidence in God and so draw to ourselves the confidence of men. And while we must be on our guard against those who would divide us, we must keep our larger confidence in humanity and believe in the ultimate good which is bound to come to the earth. If we lose confidence in God and in His final victory, our strength is gone, we are false to our trust. And if we lose confidence in men we weaken our influence and make life a burden. Yet the problem remains, "How can I secure confidence from others so that they will trust me?" Let us see how we can solve this problem.

MUST BELIEVE IN
RIGHTEOUSNESS OF OUR WORK
The first necessity is that we should believe in the righteousness of our work. Does God wish me to do this work? Is it right to do it, and am I doing it in the right way and with the right spirit? A man who is confident in these things has no confidence in God or in himself. He is consequently he cannot secure the confidence of others or have that great blessing which comes when we know that God Himself has confidence in us. One of the great lessons of the book of Job is the expression of confidence in Job given by God to Satan when Satan attempted to cast a slur upon Job's religion. "Doth Job fear God for naught?" cried Satan. And God cried, "Try him! I have confidence in him that he will stand the test." It is one of the glories of Christianity that God is ready to trust us if we do our part as well as we can; and nothing so strengthens us as this great fact of God's confidence in us. It makes sin a miserable thing because it is a breach of confidence. It makes doubt unworthy because it implies that God cannot keep His promises. I can best secure God's continued confidence in me, and so finally secure the confidence of men, by living as I know God would have me live.

We must have confidence in the great truths of life. I must know—not think or hope, but know—that God loves me, that Christ died to save me, that the Holy Spirit guides me, and that God is working His purpose out and asks me to help Him. So much of our misery and weakness result from hesitation and fear.

WHY MEN SOMETIMES DOUBT OUR SINCERITY

We are afraid to say with St. Paul, "I know Whom I have believed in" (1 Tim. i. 12). We are timid about saying, "I am a Christian." We hesitate when men ask us about the future life. Consequently men doubt at once our sincerity and our faith. The man who "knows" helps others to know. Our own assurance leads others to look to the Christ Whom we worship and to trust in His precious blood which washes our sins away. We are witnesses. But if our witness is given with hesitation and trembling we cannot convince other men, nor can God rely upon us to bear testimony. Oh, for that splendid confidence which will not be timid, but which rejoices to declare that Christ is the only King, and that we are loyal to Him! There is nothing of boasting in such a declaration. We do not claim that we are all that we ought to be, or that we never fail; but we do claim that God is righteous and that His love can never fail.

"Actions speak louder than words," we say. If we would secure confidence we must live honestly, not because, as the old saw runs, "honesty is the best policy," but because honesty is right and dishonesty is wrong. The man who is careless about meeting his bills; the woman who goes away for the summer without paying her dressmaker; the man who is indifferent concerning the welfare of those who work for him; the owner of houses who does not see whether or not those houses are fit to live in, and yet demands his rent regularly; the business firm which is careless regarding the character of the goods sold or the service rendered; the Christian who gives no thought to his religious duties and does not plan concerning his gifts to the church—such people cannot inspire confidence. Even men of the world who are not especially scrupulous, themselves have confidence in those who try to live uprightly, and with reason, for where there is any obedience to the divine law, love for God and men, there is an anchor which can hold.

CONFIDENCE IN THE FINAL GOOD OF THINGS

It is one of the rewards of honest and true living that men trust us, and we all like to be trusted. We cannot bear to have any one doubt our word. Any man and every man rebels against any insinuation touching his reliability. How splendid to know within our own hearts that we are honest, at least in desire, and that all failures are the result of weakness or ignorance rather than of will.

A man who believes in God has confidence in the final good of things. I love those lines of Alfred Tennyson:

O, yet we trust that somehow good
Will be the final goal of ill,
To pang of nature, sins of will,
Defects of doubt and taints of blood.

That nothing walks with aimless feet;
That not one life shall be destroyed,
Or cast as rubbish to the void,
When God hath made the pile complete.

Of course, we cannot tell how or when the good is coming. Indeed, in the dark hour of distress and loneliness and trouble it is not easy to "nurture the unconquerable hope." No voice speaks; no sign is written in the sky. Age succeeds age, and still "men must work and women must weep." But confidence lies at the very root alike of endurance and endeavor. It holds fast when "all that seems suffers defeat." It will not give up, no matter how heavy the burden, how thorny the road. And therein lies its virtue. It is easy to have confidence when the sun is shining and life is easy and friends are true; but such trust

DANVILLE'S OPENING

Leat Tobacco Market Will Open Up To-Morrow—Large Deliveries and High Prices Expected.

DANVILLE, VA., August 11.—The Danville tobacco market will open for the 1917-18 season on Monday. The reports received by the warehousemen from the surrounding country indicate that the first week's sales of the new crop will be very large, as the farmers in all of this part of the old belt have been very active and very successful in curing up the piled tobacco or primings, and in anticipation of high prices the growers will rush these types to market on the first soundings of the warehouse bells.

The buyers at other preparations and made all other preparations for going early on the market, and it is expected that the first week's bidding will be unusually spirited, and there is no doubt that the high prices expected by the farmers will be forthcoming.

Danville's total sales last tobacco year were \$6,164,230 pounds, which brought \$5.17,325.29. It is expected that the sales the coming tobacco year will exceed these by several million pounds, and the signs of the times point to equally as high, if not higher, prices.

GOVERNMENT MAY HELP TO BUILD NEEDED RAILWAY

Washington-Newport News Short Line Would Prove Blessing to Uncle Sam in War Time.

NEWPORT NEWS, August 11.—The United States government is urging the Newport News & Washington Short Line Railway Company to immediately construct the proposed road from here to Washington, and has mentioned the high cost of construction at this time, according to reliable information received here.

If the company will not build the road from Newport News to Washington, the government is anxious that a spur be built from Washington to Indian Head, at which place the government proving grounds are located.

Officials of the company now are reported to be arranging a conference with high officials at Washington relative to the matter. Channing M. Ward, chief engineer of the company, was here for a conference with army officers in charge of government activities in this city.

LOCAL CHURCH NOTICES

METHODIST.

Grace (Soldiers' Home Chapel).—Preaching at 11 o'clock and 8 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Peters.

Monument.—Rev. H. T. Allen will preach at 11 o'clock. In the evening this congregation will worship with the Hanover Avenue Christian Church.

Broad Street.—Preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. J. Jones and at 8:15 by Rev. D. T. Merritt, of Ashland.

Centenary.—Rev. Thomas A. Smoot, D. D., will preach at 11 o'clock, and Rev. George W. Kemper, of the Hanover Avenue Christian Church, at the 6 o'clock vesper service.

Laurel Street.—The pastor, Rev. W. G. Beagles, will preach at both morning and evening services.

Ginter Park.—Preaching at 11 o'clock in temporary quarters Chamberlayne public school building.

Central.—Special music at services to-night by a quartet, composed of Mrs. Proctor, Mrs. Quarles, W. A. Watkins and Meredith Owens.

BAPTIST.

Boulevard.—Rev. W. F. Martin will preach both morning and evening. Morning subject, "The Good Soldier." Evening subject, "The Closed Door."

First.—In the absence of the pastor, Rev. John F. Vines, D. D., pastor of the First Church, Roanoke, will preach at both services.

Second.—Rev. William Russell Owen, D. D., of Philadelphia, will preach at the morning service. His topic will be, "The Lyric of Old Age." There will be no evening service.

Ginter Park.—Rev. B. L. Rhodes, of Salisbury, Md., will preach at the morning service. There will be no evening service.

Immanuel.—Rev. W. T. Hall will preach at 11 o'clock and again at 8:15.

Leigh Street.—The pastor, Rev. J. J. Wicker, D. D., will preach both morning and evening. The orchestra will play from 8 to 8:15 o'clock.

Fulton.—Preaching morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. W. Thornburn Clark.

Grove Avenue.—The pastor, Rev. W. C. James, D. D., will preach at 11 o'clock. No evening service.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First.—Rev. W. Taliaferro Thompson, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Knoxville, Tenn., will preach at 11 o'clock. There will be no evening service.

Grace Covenant.—Rev. Edward Mack, D. D., will preach at 11 o'clock. No services at night.

Westminster.—Rev. J. Y. Fair, the pastor, will preach both morning and evening.

EPISCOPAL.

St. Paul's.—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Sermon, "Jesus the High Priest." Evening prayer at 8:15 and short sermon, "The Transfiguration." Rev. L. Valentine Lee, the rector's assistant, will preach at both services.

St. James.—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon at 8:15. Rev. G. Freeland Peter will preach at both services.

All Saints.—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. No evening service.

St. Andrew's.—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon at 8:15. Rev. Philip A. Arthur will preach at both services.

St. Mark's.—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon at 8:15. Rev. G. McLaren Brydon will preach at both services.

CHRISTIAN.

Seventh Street.—Rev. C. A. Young, D. D., of California, will preach at 11 o'clock. There will be no evening service.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Life and Advent Christian.—Preaching this morning at 11 o'clock and at 8:15 this evening by Elder James Howie. Subject to-night, "The Mechanic of Nazareth."

Seventh Day Adventist.—An address will be given to-night illustrated with stereopticon views at the Bible Institute Tent, Thirty-third and Leigh Streets, on "Why the Gospel of Jesus Has Failed to Prevent the European War."

Christian Science.—The regular service will be held at 11 o'clock this morning. The subject will be "Spirit."

International Bible Students.—Services at 11 o'clock at Stieff Hall, 117 West Broad Street.

Central Y. M. C. A.—Regular services at 2:30 and 8:30 o'clock. General Secretary McKee will open discussion of

"The Other Fellow—As a Friend," at 8:30 o'clock in the men's lobby.

Apotele.—Regular services to-night, conducted by the pastor, Rev. B. P. Pease.

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DEMANDING LOWER COAL

Bristol Starts a Kicking Campaign That Is Likely to Spread All Over Virginia.

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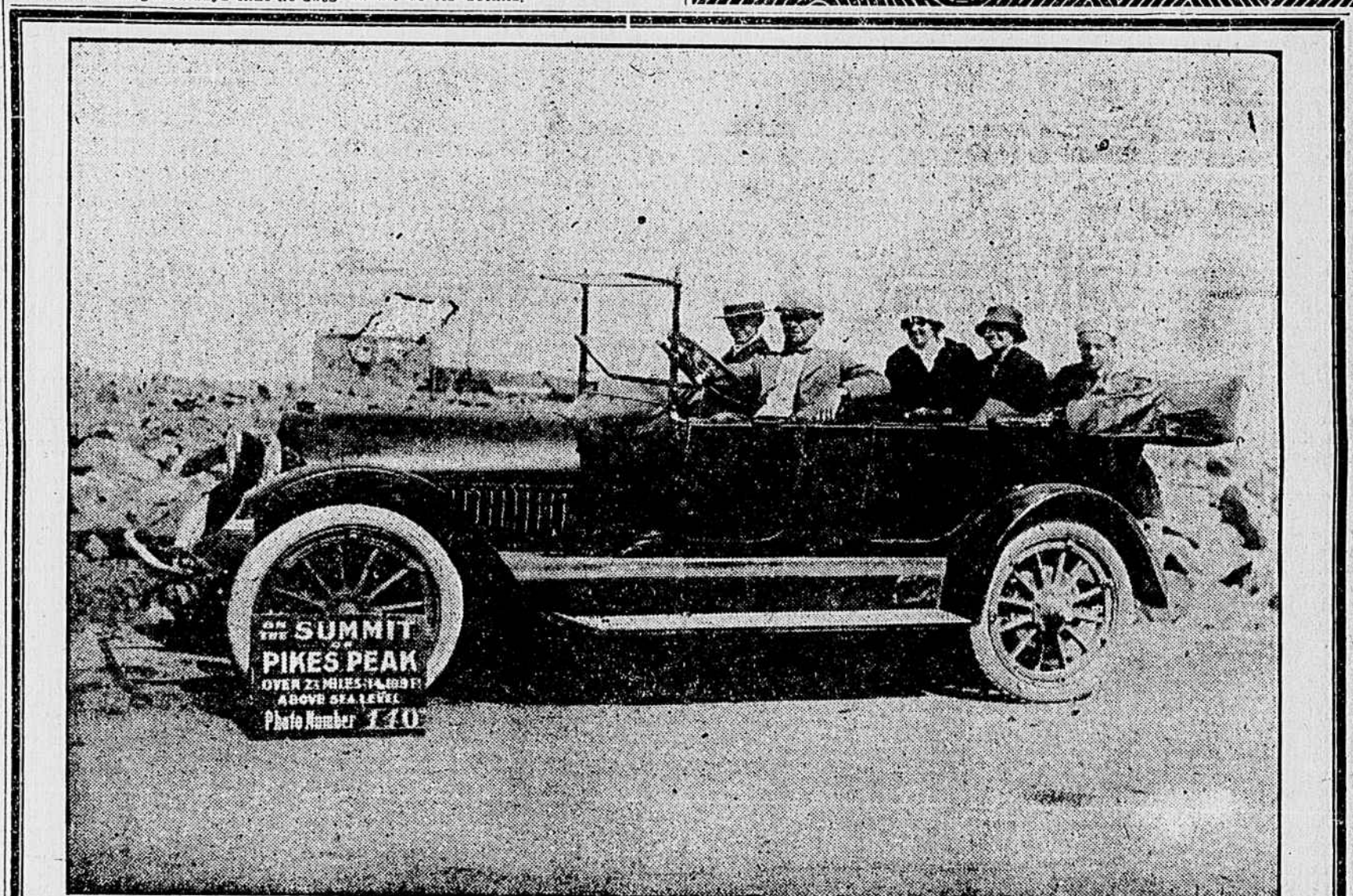
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